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Recommendation for additional resources to fund the approved country programme**

Islamic Republic of Iran

Summary

The present document contains recommendation for additional general resources to fund the approved country programme for the Islamic republic of Iran for which the balance of approved general resources is not sufficient to fund the programme up to the end of the approved programme period. The Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve additional general resources in the amount of $419,000 for 1998-1999 to achieve the objectives of the country programme as originally approved by the Executive Board.

* E/ICEF/1998/12.

** The figures provided in the present document are final and take into account unspent balances of programme cooperation at the end of 1997. They will be contained in the "Summary of 1998 recommendations for general resources and supplementary funding programmes" (E/ICEF/1998/P/L.21).

1. The current country programme for the Islamic Republic of Iran, covering the period 1998-1999, was approved by the Executive Board in 1997 in the amount of $2.7 million from general resources and $1 million from supplementary funds (E/ICEF/1997/P/L.27). At that time, the annual general resources planning level for the Islamic Republic of Iran was $1,350,000.

2. Following the Executive Board's approval in 1997 of the new methodology for the allocation of general resources, based on the criteria of under-five mortality rate, child population and gross national product per capita, the planning levels of the country programme were increased to $1,485,000 for 1998 and $1,634,000 for 1999. As a result, an additional $419,000 is required to achieve the objectives of the country programme as approved by the Executive Board.

3. The additional funds will be used to support the programme on monitoring of child indicators. The data gathered through this programme will help to identifying subnational disparities, which will result in improved targeting of programme inputs.

4. The funds will also be used for advocacy and social mobilization. Activities will include the promotion of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, especially through its translation into Farsi; the adaptation and dissemination of advocacy materials on child rights; and support to studies on Iranian law in relation to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. UNICEF will support activities to increase awareness of and address child abuse. Steps will be taken to involve all partners and stakeholders, including children, civil society and the Government, in developing new programmes to accelerate the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Additional funding requirements
(In United States dollars)

Current programme cycle	*Approved general resources funding*	*Additional funding proposed*
1998-1999	2,700,000	419,000